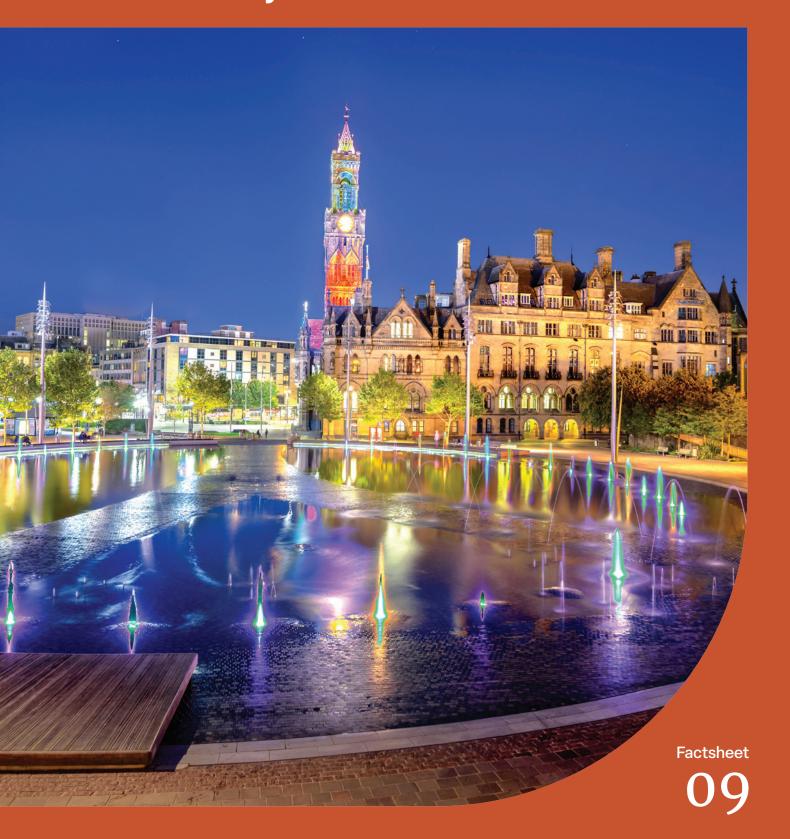




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Bradford became the world's first UNESCO City of Film in 2009, recognising its rich legacy in film and filmmaking that dates back to the birth of cinema itself. The city's deep connections to filmmaking, its cultural diversity, and its dedication to film education have made it a global hub. The designation honours Bradford's ongoing contributions to the film industry, its vibrant cultural landscape, and its commitment to nurturing the next generation of filmmakers.

What makes this UNESCO Designation special?

Bradford has a long history associated with film and filmmaking dating back to the birth of cinema and has long been acknowledged by the film industry as a filmfriendly city.

The Bradford District covers an area of approximately 141 square miles and is a mixture of urban and rural locations. These have been the backdrop for a wide array of film and television productions, showcasing the diverse landscapes and architecture of the area.

From the striking city centre buildings to the sweeping, romantic moors of Ilkley and Haworth, these locations vividly capture the district's unique character and charm, offering filmmakers a rich canvas to tell their stories. Key film and TV productions include The Railway Children, Peaky Blinders, The Crown and Billy Liar.



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